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URBAN DISTRICT OF MARKET HARBOROUGH

ANNUAL REPORT

of the

MEDICAL OFFICER OF HEALTH

FOR THE YEAR 1969.

Incorporating a report on the  
sanitary circumstances of the  
District prepared by

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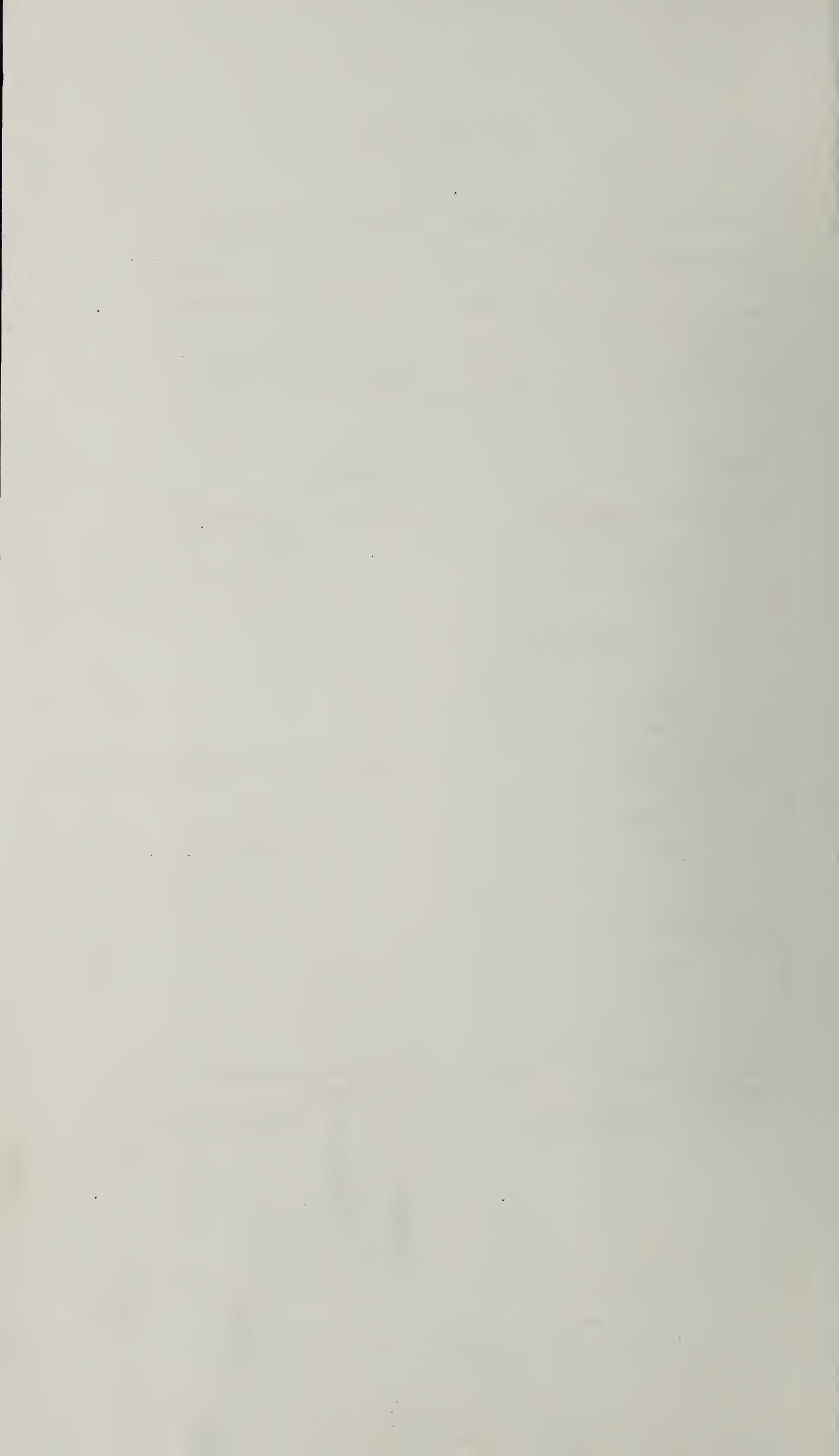
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# VITAL STATISTICS

Area in acres	4,878	Number of occupied houses	5,068
Rateable Value at April 1st, 1969			
	£571,236	Number of Council Houses	950
Sum represented by a penny rate			
	£2,270	Population (mid.1969)	13,380
<u>BIRTHS</u>		<u>DEATHS</u>	
Live births:	<u>Legitimate</u>	Deaths:	<u>All causes</u>
Male	107	Male	99
Female	107	Female	83
Total	214	Total	182
	<u>Illegitimate</u>		
Male	7		
Female	8		
Total	15		
<u>All live births</u>		<u>Deaths of infants under 1 year of age</u>	
Male	114	Male	2
Female	115	Female	2
Total	229	Total	4
<u>Still births</u>			
Male	1		
Female	3		
Total	4		
Birth rate per 1,000 estimated population		Death rate per 1,000 estimated population	
	17.1		13.6



Causes of Death.

International Classification	1969		
	Male	Female	Total
Malignant Neoplasm - oesophagus	2	1	3
Malignant Neoplasm - stomach	3	1	4
Malignant Neoplasm - intestine	3	-	3
Malignant Neoplasm - lung, bronchus	7	-	7
Malignant Neoplasm - breast	-	5	5
Malignant Neoplasm - uterus	-	1	1
Malignant Neoplasm - prostate	2	-	2
Leukaemia	2	-	2
Other malignant neoplasms	5	2	7
Other endocrine diseases	1	-	1
Other diseases of nervous system	2	4	6
Chronic rheumatic heart disease	-	1	1
Hypertensive disease	1	2	3
Ischaemic heart disease	20	9	29
Other forms of heart disease	4	9	13
Cerebrovascular disease	15	15	30
Other diseases of circulatory system	6	10	16
Influenza	3	1	4
Pneumonia	5	4	9
Bronchitis & emphysema	3	1	4
Other diseases of respiratory system	4	1	5
Other diseases - genito-urinary system	1	1	2
Diseases of musculo-skeletal system	1	3	4
Congenital anomalies	-	2	2
Symptoms & ill defined conditions	4	2	6
Motor vehicle accidents	2	3	5
All other accidents	2	3	5
Suicide & self-inflicted injuries	1	1	2
All other external causes	-	1	1
Total deaths All causes	99	83	182

Date		Description		Amount	
1890	Jan 1	Balance		100.00	
	Jan 15	Received from A. B.		50.00	
	Feb 1	Received from C. D.		25.00	
	Feb 15	Received from E. F.		75.00	
	Mar 1	Received from G. H.		100.00	
	Mar 15	Received from I. J.		50.00	
	Apr 1	Received from K. L.		25.00	
	Apr 15	Received from M. N.		75.00	
	May 1	Received from O. P.		100.00	
	May 15	Received from Q. R.		50.00	
	Jun 1	Received from S. T.		25.00	
	Jun 15	Received from U. V.		75.00	
	Jul 1	Received from W. X.		100.00	
	Jul 15	Received from Y. Z.		50.00	
	Aug 1	Received from A. B.		25.00	
	Aug 15	Received from C. D.		75.00	
	Sep 1	Received from E. F.		100.00	
	Sep 15	Received from G. H.		50.00	
	Oct 1	Received from I. J.		25.00	
	Oct 15	Received from K. L.		75.00	
	Nov 1	Received from M. N.		100.00	
	Nov 15	Received from O. P.		50.00	
	Dec 1	Received from Q. R.		25.00	
	Dec 15	Received from S. T.		75.00	
	Total			1000.00	

## CONTROL AND PREVENTION OF INFECTIOUS DISEASE.

### Tuberculosis.

There were no deaths from tuberculosis during the year.

No new case of pulmonary tuberculosis was notified. This is only the second occasion on which it has been possible to make this observation, the previous year of freedom from new notification being 1965.

### Other infectious disease.

The following cases were notified :-

Measles	...	...	...	...	...	285
Infectious jaundice	...	...	...	...	...	12

### NATIONAL ASSISTANCE ACTS.

No formal action was necessary during 1969.





## SANITARY CIRCUMSTANCES OF THE AREA

### Water Supply.

The water supply continues to be satisfactory in quality and quantity. Four samples of drinking water were taken and proved on bacteriological examination to be sterile

There is only one occupied house in the district still dependent on a shallow well for domestic water supply. This water was again sampled and found to be bacteriologically satisfactory.

Only minor extensions were made to water services for the purposes of new development. The new service reservoir on Burnmill Hill was completed and put into use.

### Sewerage and Sewage Disposal.

Again no extensions to public sewers were made other than minor ones for new housing development. At present no scheme is in hand for extensions or alterations at the Sewage Disposal Works.

Trouble with filter beds caused by trade effluent called for a stricter control of factory wastes. All factories likely to be producing a trade effluent were approached. Conditional Consents were given in four instances.

### Public Cleansing.

This service is administered by the Engineer & Surveyor. House refuse is collected by direct labour and disposed of by controlled tipping. Agreement has been reached with a neighbouring Authority on terms for joint use of that Authority's tip. This has not yet been implemented.

Trade refuse collection service is administered by the Health Department. A weekly collection is made from 152 trade premises of the equivalent of 299 bins, at a pro rata charge of £3 per bin per annum. Bulk refuse is collected from certain other factories on a cost-recovery basis.

### Inspection of the Area.

Number of complaints received -----738

Premises at which defects or  
nuisances were dealt with -----825



Inspections made, 1969

	Number of Inspections
Animal Keeping	19
Bakehouses	8
Dairies	3
Drainage Works	164
Dwelling-houses (all purposes)	2,328
Infectious Disease Enquiries	6
Food Poisoning Enquiries	-
Food Premises	791
Offensive Trades	5
Refuse Collection and Disposal	1,217
Schools	2
Shops & Offices	171
Slaughterhouses & Meat Inspection	882
Smoke Control	114
Caravans, etc.	33
Verminous & Dirty Premises	8
Water Supplies	7
Factories & Workshops	256
Rodent Control (Excluding visits by Rodent Officer)	18
Other Inspections.	393
	TOTAL 6,425

Notices

INFORMAL	HOUSING	PUBLIC HEALTH
Outstanding on 1st January	-	-
Issued during year	30	172
Complied with during year	24	161
Outstanding 31st December	6	11

STATUTORY	HOUSING	PUBLIC HEALTH
Outstanding on 1st January	2	-
Issued during year	-	-
Complied with during year	1	-
Outstanding 31st December	1	-



Pet Animals Act, 1951.

Licences renewed/issued	2
Visits to premises	4
Contraventions found	NIL

Rag Flock and other Filling Materials Act, 1951.

Number of premises registered for upholstering, etc. 1.

Special Classes of premises & Occupations subject to control

Written consent to establishment of trade of Rag  
& Bone Dealer renewed 1

Written consent to establishment of trade of  
Fat Extractor, Fat Melter and Glue Maker in  
operation. 1

Five inspections were made of these premises and conditions found  
to be generally satisfactory.

Prevention of Damage by Pests Act, 1949.

Routine inspection of the District is carried out by the Rodent  
Officer and his assistant, as other Health Department duties permit.  
2,160 visits and inspections were made in survey and treatment of  
rodent infestations. 207 infestations were dealt with. Rodent  
infestations on domestic premises are treated free, a charge being  
made for work done at business or agricultural premises. Regular  
inspections and treatments as required are carried out at all  
Council properties.

Swimming Baths.

26 inspections of the Public Swimming Baths were made. Plant  
and premises are inspected, and tests carried out of the swimming water.  
3 samples were examined bacteriologically and found to be satisfactory.

Caravan Sites and Control of Development Act, 1960.

There are 4 licences operative in respect of single caravan  
sites, and 1 licence for a site for 40 residential caravans. No new  
licences were issued this year.

Living vans were removed from unlicensed sites on 5 occasions.

Noise Abatement Act, 1960.

No formal action was taken during the year. Silencers which  
were being installed at one factory at the beginning of the year proved  
successful in eliminating noise nuisance from the premises. Though  
not considered a statutory nuisance, the noise from other factory  
premises continues to give rise to complaint by neighbouring residents.  
Ways of reducing those noises still further are being sought by informal  
approaches to management.





THE INSPECTION AND SUPERVISION OF FOOD.

Food Hygiene (General) Regulations, 1960.

Premises inspected	85
Inspections made	482
Informal Notices served	14
Informal Notices complied with	10

Food & Drugs Act, 1955.

10 complaints of unsound food, or food containing foreign bodies were received & investigated fully. There were no prosecutions under the Act in 1969.

Food Hygiene (Markets, Stalls & Delivery Vehicles) Regulations, 1966.

24 stalls and 8 delivery vehicles, all complying with the Regulations, were inspected. No exemption certificates have been issued.

Ice Cream.

No new premises were registered for the sale of ice cream. The total number of registered premises in the district is now sixty-eight.

Milk: Dairies and Distributors.

Dairies registered	2
Distributors registered	7
Inspections made	13

Milk: Sampling.

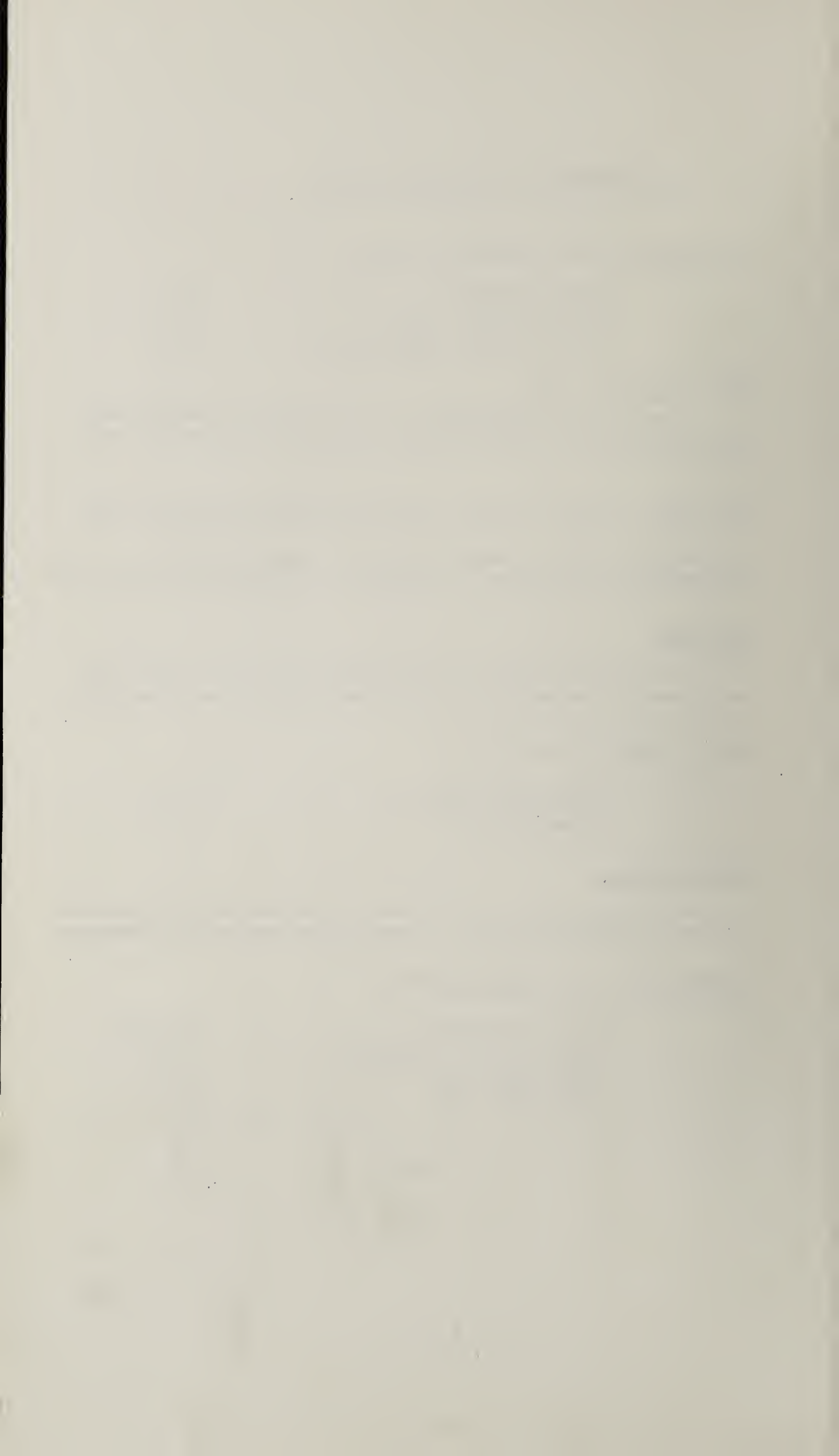
From August, 1967, there has been no milk produced in the district for sale as "untreated" milk. No samples were taken by this Authority.

Unsound Food Surrendered or Condemned.

Meat at Retail shops	732 lbs
Meat at Wholesale premises	524 "
Canned meats	54 "
Other canned foods	624 "
Other foods	1,404 "

TOTAL

3,338 "





## Meat & Other Foods.

The Council owns the abattoir and provides the facilities for a public slaughterhouse. 31,754 animals were slaughtered during 1969, all of which were examined before leaving the abattoir.

Carcases inspected and condemned:-

	Cattle excluding cows	Cows	Calves	Sheep & Lambs	Pigs
Number killed	6,085	46	11	5,856	19,756
Number inspected	6,085	46	11	5,856	19,756
<u>ALL Diseases except Tuberculosis</u> Whole carcasses condemned	1	-	2	31	34
Carcases of which some part or organ was condemned	2,506	17	1	314	1,635
Percentage of number affected with disease other than tuberculosis	41.19%	36.96%	27.27%	5.89%	8.45%
<u>Tuberculosis only</u> Whole carcasses condemned	1	-	-	-	-
Carcases of which some part or organ was condemned	2	-	-	-	22
Percentage of the number inspected affected with tuberculosis	0.05%	-	-	-	0.11%

Four carcasses were found to be infested with cysticercus bovis and were subjected to refrigeration, the affected organs being condemned.

Total weight of meat & offal condemned - 49,223 lbs (21 tons. 19 cwt. 1 qr. 27 lbs)

## Meat Stalls.

Number of Inspections \_\_\_\_\_ 146

Meat Shops, Meat Stores, etc.

Number of Inspections \_\_\_\_\_ 50

Places where food (other than meat) is kept or prepared for sale

Number of Inspections \_\_\_\_\_ 300



# HOUSING

## INSPECTION OF DWELLING HOUSES DURING THE YEAR 1969.

Total number of dwelling houses inspected for housing defects (under Public Health or Housing Acts). 338

Number of inspections made for the purpose 600

Number of dwelling houses found to be in a state so dangerous or injurious to health as to be unfit for human habitation -

<u>Houses demolished or closed in the period</u> <u>Housing Act, 1957</u>	<u>Houses</u>	<u>Number of Persons</u> <u>displaced</u>
Demolished	1	-
Closed as a result of closing orders or undertakings	1	-

<u>REPAIRS in the period</u>	<u>Number of Houses.</u>
Unfit houses rendered fit and houses in which defects were remedied during the period	
(i) as a result of informal action by the Local Authority under the Housing or Public Health Acts	91
(ii) as a result of formal notices under Public Health Acts	1

## HOUSING ACT, 1949.

(a) Number of applications for improvement grants	4
(b) Number of applications approved	3
(c) Number of applications refused	1

## HOUSE PURCHASE & HOUSING ACT, 1959.

(a) Number of applications received for standard grants	36
(b) Number of properties improved during year	42

## NEW HOUSES

Houses completed during the year:-

(a) By Local Authority	-
(b) By private enterprise	117

Houses under construction at the close of the year:-

(a) By Local Authority	-
(b) By private enterprise	129

TOTAL number of Post War houses completed by:-

(a) Local Authority	651
(b) private enterprise	1,625

Total number of applicants for Council houses at end of year 275

Number of applications received during the year 140

Number of Council houses in the district prior to 1939 319



OFFICES, SHOPS & RAILWAY PREMISES ACT, 1963.

The total numbers of registered premises at the end of 1969 were:-

Offices	51
Retail Shops	127
Wholesale shops, warehouses	5
Catering establishments open to the public, canteens	21
Fuel storage depots	2
	<u>206</u>

171 visits and inspections were made. 48 registered premises received a general inspection.

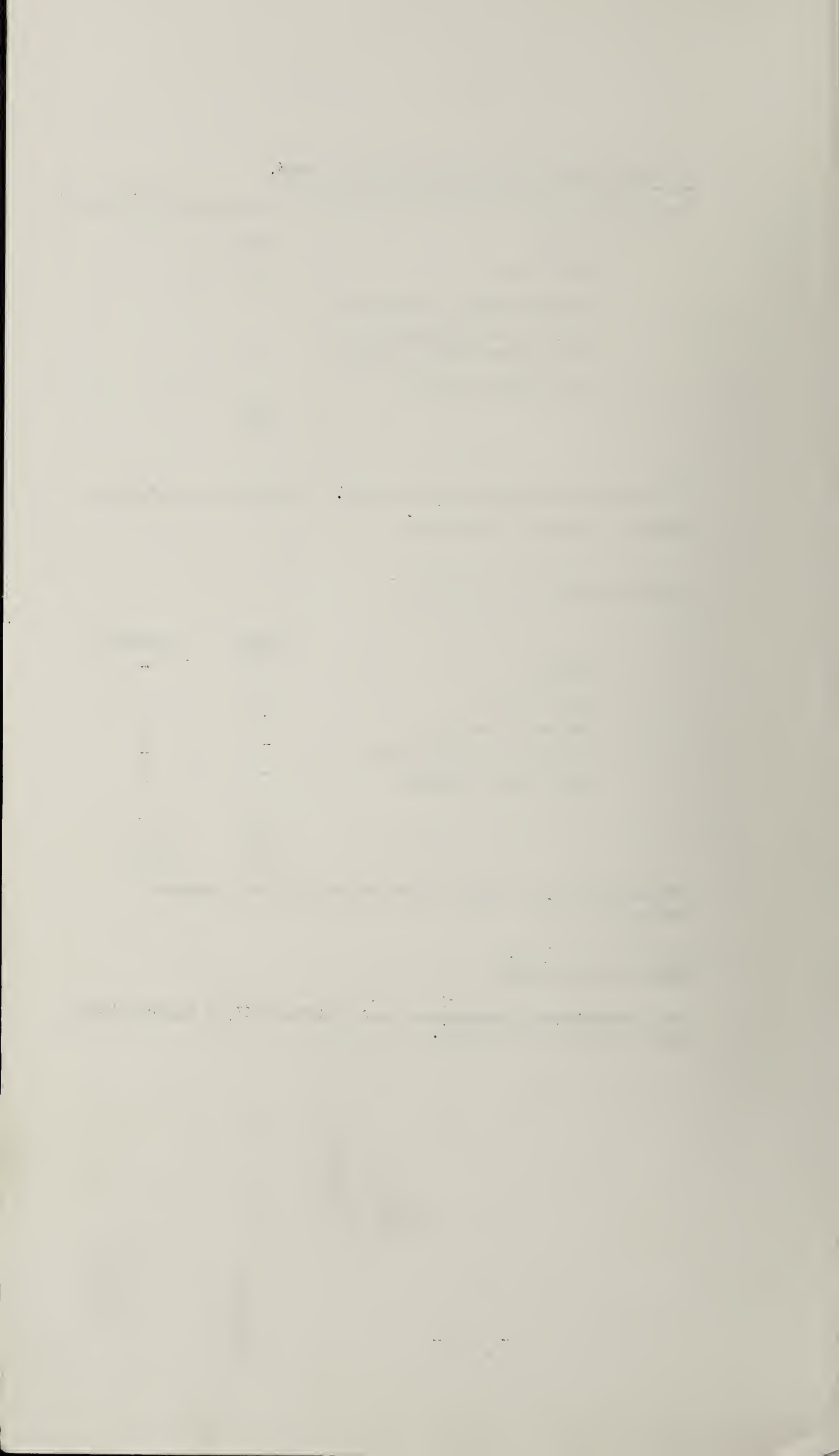
Contraventions were as follows:-

	<u>Found</u>	<u>Remedied</u>
Offices	-	-
Retail shops	14	8
Wholesale premises	-	4
Catering establishments	-	-
Fuel storage depots	-	-
	<u>14</u>	<u>12</u>

Two accidents of a minor nature in offices were reported during the year.

CLEAN AIR ACT, 1956.

114 observations & inspections were carried out, 8 contraventions were dealt with informally.





PRESCRIBED PARTICULARS ON THE ADMINISTRATION  
OF THE FACTORIES ACT, 1961.  
PART I OF THE ACT.

1. INSPECTIONS:-

Premises	Number on Register	Number of		
		Inspect-ions	Written Notices	Occupiers Prosecuted
(1) Factories in which Sections 1,2,3,4, & 6 are to be enforced by Local Authorities	20	41	-	-
(2) Factories not included in (1) in which Sect.7 is enforced by the Local Authority	95	94	-	-
(3) Other premises in which Sect.7 is enforced by the Local Authority (excluding outworkers premises)	9	8	-	-
Total	124	143	-	-

2. CASES IN WHICH DEFECTS WERE FOUND:-

Particulars	Number of cases in which defects were found				Number of cases in which prosecutions were instituted
	Found	Remedied	Referred to H.M. Inspector	by H.M. Inspector	
ant of cleanliness	-	-	-	-	-
ercrowding	-	-	-	-	-
reasonable	-	-	-	-	-
emperature	-	-	-	-	-
adequate ventilation	-	-	-	-	-
effective drainage	-	-	-	-	-
f floors	-	-	-	-	-
sanitary conveniences:					
a) Insufficient	-	-	-	-	-
b) Unsuitable or defective	-	1	-	1	-
c) Not separate for sexes	-	-	-	-	-
ther offences	-	-	-	-	-
Total	-	1	-	1	-

PART VIII OF THE ACT  
Outwork  
(Sections 133 and 134)

Nature of work	No. of Outworkers on List
Wearing apparel, making etc.	10







